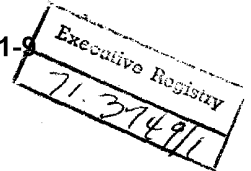


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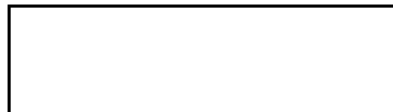
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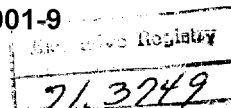
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The Honorable F. Edward Hebert
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 16 February 1971 requesting the views and recommendations of this Agency concerning H. R. 3578, a bill "To establish a Temporary National Security Commission."

While this Agency has no objection to continuing scrutiny and oversight of its activities by the Congress, we believe that extensive and adequate machinery already exists to permit the close examination of this Agency's objectives, organization, procedures, and interactions with other agencies constituting the national security establishment. In addition to the oversight which is exercised by congressional committees, the National Security Council, Office of Management and Budget, and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board regularly examine and act upon findings in the areas of national security concerning the Agency which the Commission would study under the proposed legislation.

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Respectfully,

Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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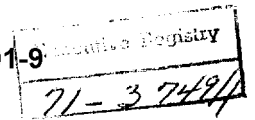
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Richard Helms
Director

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